



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between the
United States Agency for International Development
And
The Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America
In support of
Empowering Pakistan through Improved Health Services

I. Purpose

(a) The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is to memorialize the intent of an alliance between the United States Agency for International Development (“USAID”) and the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (“APPNA”) (and together with USAID each a “Participant” and collectively, the “Participants”) to further the goals set forth below and to outline the understandings and intentions with regard to these shared goals. The Participants may seek, but are under no obligation, to share their respective strengths, experiences, technologies, methodologies, and resources (including in-kind contributions of medical services and monetary contributions as agreed on a case-by-case basis) to achieve these goals, particularly in the area of improving maternal and child health (“MCH”) outcomes in Pakistani focus areas.

The overall objective is to improve maternal and child health outcomes in USAID’s MCH program in the provinces of Sindh, KP/FTA and Punjab, integrating health solutions in the areas of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health.

(b) The Participants are entering into this MOU while maintaining their own separate and unique missions, mandates, and accountabilities. No provision under this MOU is to be considered or construed as creating a partnership or other type of legal entity or personality.

(c) Neither Participant shall have any responsibility for any expense incurred by the other Participant relating to this MOU, except as may otherwise be agreed under separate writing. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with any agreement or contract entered into between the Participants, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as an exclusive working relationship. The Participants specifically acknowledge that this MOU is not an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by a Participant or create any rights in any third party. Each Participant acknowledges that decisions regarding the eligibility of any entity, including APPNA, to compete for USAID awards are made by USAID on a case-by-case basis in light of the facts surrounding a particular competition and in accordance with relevant law, rules and regulations.

II. Participants

United States Agency for International Development

USAID is an independent Federal government agency that receives overall foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State. USAID supports international development and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting energy, economic growth and agriculture, global health, education, democracy, conflict mitigation and management, and humanitarian assistance in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and Eurasia. USAID’s Mission in Pakistan is focusing on energy, economic growth including agriculture, resilience, and education and health sectors. It works with a large variety of partners including private sector, civil society organizations, Government of Pakistan and international contractors.

USAID intends to use this relationship with APPNA to facilitate connections and working relationships with its supported health units to provide improved health services and information to the people in the designated focus regions in Pakistan.

Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America

APPNA is a professional, nonpolitical, non-denominational not for profit corporation registered as a tax-exempt 501c3 entity operating since 1976. With a membership of approximately 3,000 and headquarters based in Westmont, Illinois, it represents over 18,000 physicians of Pakistani descent and is the second largest association of International Medical Graduates in the United States. Since inception, APPNA has united its membership through charitable, educational, research, and scientific projects around the world. APPNA promotes healthcare, research, education and humanitarian activities and facilitates the transfer of healthcare expertise and resources to deserving communities, both at home and abroad. APPNA is the largest organization of professional Pakistani Diaspora in North America and is involved in a number of philanthropic projects in Pakistan and the United States.

APPNA intends to be a resource partner for USAID, providing medical services and knowledge of the medical community in Pakistan.

III. Implementation

The Participants intend to collaborate creatively to address health challenges in Pakistan, focusing primarily on, but not limited to, MCH. The Participants have come together with the shared goal of empowering Pakistan in the area of mother and child health by seeking the following:

USAID. To provide opportunities and logistical support, through its selected MCH project(s) in Sindh, KP/FATA and Punjab, for integrating health solutions in the areas of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health and social and behavior change communication. Share health content to disseminate to wider audiences beyond USAID target groups, where possible.

APPNA. To provide telemedicine and web-based capacity enhancement services to the health practitioners and in-person health services to the patients in the selected(s) USAID supported health outlets in Sindh, Punjab and KP/FATA. Determine how it can leverage networks and/or resources in United States and Pakistan to provide and facilitate funding, skills transfer, and knowledge building to support agreed upon activities, and consider additional projects to reduce gaps in quality of care.

IV. Funding

USAID and APPNA may enter into agreements for projects that require the obligation of financing in accordance with Section I(c) above and any relevant laws, rules and regulations governing USAID as they pertain to the granting of awards. No funding is obligated, or committed to be obligated, under this MOU.

V. Designated Points of Contact

Each Participant shall appoint a primary point of contact and liaison responsible for the management and development of the relationship between the Participants under this MOU.

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VI. Effective Date, Duration, Amendments, and Termination

This MOU becomes effective as of August 20, 2016 on the date of the last signature of all the Participants and is expected to continue until August 30, 2019. However, the Participants may decide, in writing, to extend this period. In addition, this MOU may be modified or amended if the Participants agree in writing by mutual agreement. Finally, any Participant may terminate its participation in this MOU at any time. Each Participant will endeavor to provide at least 30 days' written notice to the other Participant with respect to any such termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Participants, each, acting through its duly authorized representative, has caused this MOU to be signed and delivered in their names hereunder.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Pakistan

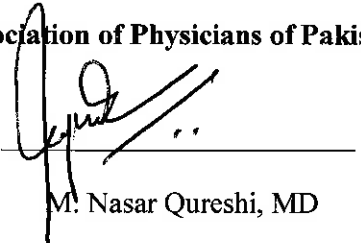
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